



## *PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS*

### ***APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON PLACER COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION***

THE FOLLOWING IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Placer County Youth Commission is an Advisory Board to the Board of Supervisors, dedicated to promoting the youth voice in local government. Founded in 2009, the Youth Commission is made up of fifteen youth of diverse backgrounds who care about the Placer County community and have a drive to make our community the best possible place for youth. Youth Commissioners are supported by two adult Advisors, one from University of California Cooperative Extension and one from Placer County Health and Human Services.

#### **BENEFITS OF BEING A YOUTH COMMISSIONER**

Young people who serve on this commission will learn about the local government process first hand by giving recommendations to the Board of Supervisors that will help shape public decisions, policies and programs as they relate to the youth of Placer County. The Youth Commission will raise the profile of young people within the community, provide and receive information through networks with schools and other youth groups, provide and promote civic participation, research youth and community issues, and provide opportunities to organize and participate in community projects.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Placer County residents between 14-21 years of age will be considered for the Youth Commission. A youth who is entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of appointment but is not 14 years of age is eligible for appointment.
- Commissioners will need to commit to a one-year term from August through May.
- An individual may sit for a maximum of four full terms, except that anyone who turns 22 years of age during their term may not be re-appointed.
- At a minimum, the Youth Commission membership shall consist of at least one representative from each of the five supervisory districts in Placer County.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. Complete this application.
2. Applicants under consideration for a position will receive an interview with the nominating committee which is composed of the Youth Commission staff, adults from supporting community agencies, and at least two former or current Commissioners.
3. The Youth Commission Advisors will notify applicants who have been recommended for appointment. Appointments are not final until the Placer County Board of Supervisors has approved and appointed them.
4. Approved appointees will begin their term as Commissioners upon appointment from the Board of Supervisors.

#### **TIME COMMITMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. **General Meetings:** Meeting dates will be determined upon appointment of the Commissioners and will be held monthly.
2. **Sub-Committees:** Each Commissioner is responsible to serve on a minimum of one subcommittee each term. These committees will work on special projects including planning events and/or projects. Subcommittees will meet monthly at a regularly scheduled meeting time in addition to the regular Youth Commission meetings.
3. **Special Events & Fundraisers:** All Commissioners are expected to actively participate in all special events and fundraisers that the Youth Commission supports or offers.
4. **General Behavior:** Commissioners are expected to maintain a high level of behavior and citizenship in school and in the community. Commissioners represent Placer County and should behave accordingly.



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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY? \_\_\_\_\_

**INTEREST/ EXPERIENCE/ BACKGROUND:** (PLEASE PROVIDE ANSWERS TO THE REQUIRED QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER AND ATTACH)

- 1) PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE ANY TALENTS, SKILLS, AND EXPERIENCE THAT YOU FEEL WOULD QUALIFY YOU TO BE A MEMBER OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION.
- 2) WHAT SPECIFIC YOUTH OR COMMUNITY ISSUES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ADDRESSED BY THE COMMISSION? DO YOU HAVE IDEAS ON HOW YOU MIGHT ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES?
- 3) AS A YOUTH COMMISSIONER, YOU WILL REPRESENT YOUTH FROM MANY DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. WHAT PERSONAL LIFE EXPERIENCES, INTERESTS, AND/OR BACKGROUND WILL HELP YOU CONNECT WITH AND REPRESENT YOUTH FROM VARIOUS BACKGROUNDS?
- 4) WHAT MAKES YOU A GOOD LEADER? DESCRIBE A SITUATION WHERE YOU HAD TO USE YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS. WHAT DID YOU ACCOMPLISH?
- 5) WHAT ACTIVITIES OR COMMITMENTS DO YOU HAVE, ESPECIALLY DURING AFTER SCHOOL AND WEEKEND HOURS? PLEASE BE SPECIFIC ABOUT SET TIMES YOU CANNOT MEET FROM AUGUST – MAY.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN PERSON, MAIL, FAX, OR EMAIL BY 5:00 PM ON JUNE 30, 2009:

UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION  
ATTENTION: PLACER COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION  
11477 E AVENUE  
AUBURN, CA 95603  
PHONE: (530) 889-7392 / FAX: (530) 889-7397  
EMAIL: [placercoyouthcommission@gmail.com](mailto:placercoyouthcommission@gmail.com)

APPLICATION WILL BE FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND RETAINED FOR TWO YEARS

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby give my child permission to apply for selection as a commissioner on the Placer County Youth Commission*

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
(IF UNDER AGE 18)

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ONLY**

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_